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ENGAGING IN GRATUITOUS VIOLENCE
AGAINST SINISTER CRIMINAL
SUPER BRAINS AND THEIR UGLY
STUPID HENCHMEN IN EXOTIC
MOODY HI-TECH SUBTERRANEAN
BASES IN THE ETERNAL STRUGGLE
TO PREVENT THE GOOD BEING
WASHED AWAY IN A TIDE OF
CHAOTIC EVIL MAYHEM...

... SORRY, MATE--
YOU'LL HAVE TO
LOOK INSIDE FOR
ALL THAT!



KEVIN DAVIDS - NERRY

STILL CRAZY

AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

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DEDICATED TO
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CO-CREATOR OF
THE CRAZY GANG!



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SO YOUNG SHE WAS.

SO EASILY
SATISFIED.

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NOT LONG AFTERWARDS,
BRIAN BRADDOCK
DISAPPEARED.

COURTNEY ASSUMED SHE'D BEEN
SLAIN BY ONE OF HIS MANY SUPER-
VILLAIN FOES.

SHE GRIEVED--AND, FOR A
TIME, THOUGHT SHE'D NEVER
BE WHOLE AGAIN.

THEN, SHE GOT ON
WITH HER LIFE.

YOU WERE ALWAYS
SO PROPERLY SERIOUS,
BRIAN-- ABOUT YOUR
SELF AND YOUR ROLE--
YOU WERE THE
ANCHOR...

THAT ALLOWED ME TO
DARE ALMOST ANYTHING...

...THE DEVIL
WITH BEING
SCARED!

THAT, AT
LEAST,
LASTED
AFTER
YOU WERE
GONE.

HELPED
ME GET
WHERE
I AM
TODAY.

CLAN
FRASER
MAY OWN
THIS
BANK...

... BUT
I RUN
IT FOR
THEM.

COURTNEY
ROSS--
THE "ICE
QUEEN"--

-- AN UP-AND-COMING POWER
TO BE RECKONED WITH...

...IN THE WORLD
BANKING
SYSTEM--

...!!?

LOVELY
LOVELY--

...BLESS
MY SOUL,
COMPEERS, I
DARESAY...

...WE'VE FOUND
OUR "ALICE!"

WHO--?!

WE ARE THE *CRAZY GANG!*

I'D NEVER
HAVE
GUESSED.

AND
WE HAVE
COME
FOR
YOU!

I WAS
AFRAID
OF THAT.

ORF
WIV
'ER
'EAD!



IF WE KILL HER FIRST, HE WILL NOT BE PLEASED.

THAT MAKES TWO OF US.

A black and white comic panel showing a character from behind, looking out a window. A speech bubble says "ANOTHER ONE?!".





THE
NEXT
DAY...

...ON THE WEST
COAST OF ENGLAND...

BLESS
YOU,
BRIAN...

FOR SETTING UP
ACCOUNTS FOR
US ALL.



AND AT YOUR OLD GIRL
FRIEND'S BANK, NO
LESS. CONVENIENT.

I WONDER, THOUGH,
HOW MEGAN FEELS
ABOUT THAT?

NONE OF MY
BUSINESS,
THANK
GOODNESS.

GOTTA ADMIT,
IT'S NICE
OVER HERE...

...HAVING THE
DIFFERENT
DENOMINA-
TIONS...

...COME IN
DIFFERENT
SIZES AND
COLORS.



FOREIGNERS CAN'T
GET AS CONFUSED
WITH POUNDS
AS THEY CAN
WITH DOLLARS.

ON THE OTHER HAND,
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS
A GREAT STORE...

LIFE WOULD
BE SO MUCH
SIMPLER IF THEY
TOOK PLASTIC.

I ALWAYS GET PARANOID
CARRYING MONEY.



AFRAID I'LL
LOSE IT.

ONE ADVANTAGE
ABOUT BEING
A MUTANT--

--GETTING
MUGGED IS
NOT A
MAJOR
WORRY.

SO,
RACHEL--

...ARE WE
GORGEOUS,
OR WHAT?



DEFINITELY-- "OR WHAT!"
ARE YOU KIDDING--
YOU LOOK GREAT!

IS THIS REALLY
NECESSARY?

AT
LEAST, GIVE
IT A TRY.

BRIAN
HAS A
POINT,
Y'KNOW.



THE WAY YOU NORMALLY DRESS,
IT'S HARD TO KEEP A LOW
PROFILE-- FOR YOURSELF, OR
THE TEAM.

NOT RESPECTABLE
ENOUGH FOR LOCAL
SENSIBILITIES, eh?

YEAH,
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT.

OH,
WOW,
TAKE A
LOOK--

--HOW
ABOUT
THIS?

I'VE A
BETTER
IDEA--



NOT FAR ALONG
THE COAST FROM
TOWN...

...IS THE
LIGHT-
HOUSE
RECENTLY
ADOPTED BY
EXCALIBUR...

...AS HOME
AND HEAD-
QUARTERS.

WHEREIN...

UPSY-
DAISY--

...WHIRL-
TFF!

ACH--
WHERE'S RACHEL...

...AND HER TELE-
KINETIC
POWERS...

WHEN THE DEAR
GIRL'S
REALLY
NEEDED?

A DAY, PERHAPS
TWO...

AND MY JUNGLE
GYM...

...WILL BE
FINISHED.

THEN--
AT LAST--

--I CAN
GET...

SOME
PROPER
EXERCISE.

NIGHT-
CRAWLER?

GUTEN MORGEN,
FRAULEIN MEGGAN.
WO BIST DU?

THAT'S GERMAN,
LIKE ME.

ARE YOU
WELL?

VERY.

YOU
CERTAINLY
LOOK
IT.

KURT: WHAT
EVER ARE
YOU DOING?
WHAT'S ALL
THIS FOR??

EASIER TO
SHOW YOU...

...THAN
EXPLAIN...

ALLEZ-
OOF!

ARE YOU
MAD?!

SWASH-
BUCKLER
BY NATURE.

HERO BY PROFESSION.

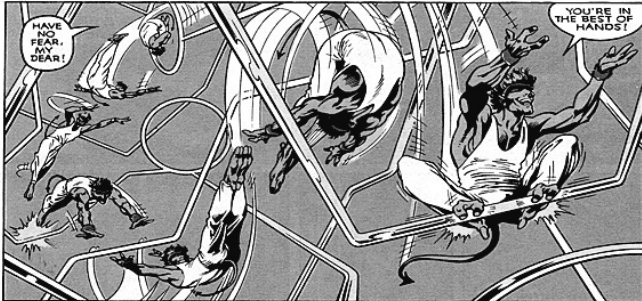
FOR SOME-
ONE RAISED IN A CIRCUS...

...WHAT BETTER WAY...

...TO HONE MY
ACROBATIC
SKILLS?

ESPECIALLY
WHEN I CAN
RESCUE...

...A DAMSEL
IN
DISTRESS!









STRANGWAYS--

ONCE, THE PRIDE OF NORTH ENGLAND, RESPONSIBLE FOR FORGING THE STEEL THAT MADE THE SHIPS THAT KEPT THIS ISLAND SAFE...

AND THE CITIES AND RAILWAYS AND FACTORIES THAT HELPED MAKE IT GREAT.

BUT THOSE DAYS ARE DONE, THE PLANT LONG CLOSED, THE COMPANY BANKRUPT.

NOW, THE GENOSHANS DO IT CHEAPER.

NOW, RUMOR HAS IT, SOME LOONEY YANK'S BOUGHT THE PLACE AND MEANS TO BUILD AN AMUSEMENT PARK THAT'LL SUPPOSEDLY OUT-DO DISNEYLAND.

THE "LOONEY YANK" PART'S RIGHT, AS FOR THE REST...

RISE-'N'-SHINE, THERE'S A SWEETIE-PIE!

AFTER ALL, WE DON'T WANNA MISS A MINUTE...

O' THE LAST DAY O' YER LIFE--

-- TREY TREY GAUCHE, DON'T CHA THINK?

WAKEY-WAKEY, COURTNEY.

WHAT I THINK, ARCADE...

...ISN'T PRINTABLE.

HEY, YOU'RE PEEVED, I CAN ACCEPT THAT. AN' I GOTTA 'POLOGIZE FOR THE WAY MY PEOPLE DELIVERED MY INVITATION TO THIS LONG-OVERDUE SWARAY.

THEY MEAN WELL, THE OVEREXUBERANT LI'L DARLIN'S, THEY JUST HAVE THIS TENDENCY TO GET SORTA CARRIED AWAY.

THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH NEW HELD SUCH POTENTIAL FOR MISUNDERSTANDIN'S 'TIL THEY PROPERLY LEARN THE ROPES. BUT I'M SURE YOU'LL BEAR WITH MY CRAZY GANG.

WHADDYA THINK OF THE NEW PLACE? LIKE THE PEOPLE, IT'S STATE O' THE ART.

MUST CONFESS, MR. ROSE, THE YEARS HAVE BEEN RIGHTEOUSLY KIND TO YOU.

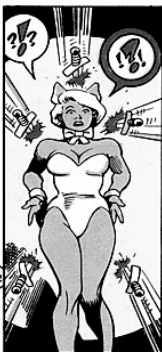
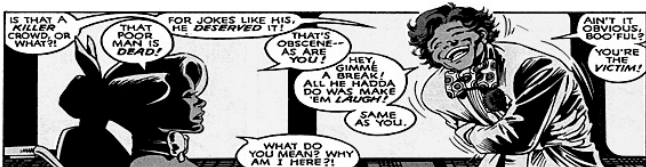
WHY, WHOEVER'D'A THOUGHT THAT GAWKY GAUMPHIN, COLLEGE CHERUB...

DORWAY TO DESTINY

...WOULD TURN INTO SUCH A FINE FIGURE OF A WOMAN?

LORDY, IT'S ALMOST A SHAME TO HAVE TO KILL YOU.







ELSEWHERE--

--THE "MIDNIGHT SPECIAL," RACING SOUTHWARD OFF THE SCOTS HIGHLANDS...

--TOWARD LONDON.

ALONE IN THE FIRST CLASS CARRIAGE, DR. MOIRA MACTAGGART --ONE OF THE WORLD'S FOREMOST AUTHORITIES ON HUMAN MUTANT GENETICS--

--AND HER SELF-APPOINTED BODYGUARD, THE MUTANT HUNTRISS--WARRIOR, CALLISTO...

YOU'RE EDGY TONIGHT, CAL.

TAKE MY CUE FROM YOU, DOC.



HIDE YOUR FEAR FROM OTHERS, NOT FROM ME.

I SUPPOSE I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER.

YAH!

THESE ARE MEDISCANS...
...I MADE OF EXCALIBUR...



...WHEN THE TEAM WAS CONSTITUTED,

THERE ARE ANOMALIES ABOUT ONE FILE I WANT TO CLEAR UP.

CAREFUL ANSWER.

WHERE PHOENIX IS CONCERNED...



...I DON'T DARE BE ANYTHING ELSE.

SILVER SHARDS--
THAT LIGHT--
NIGEL?



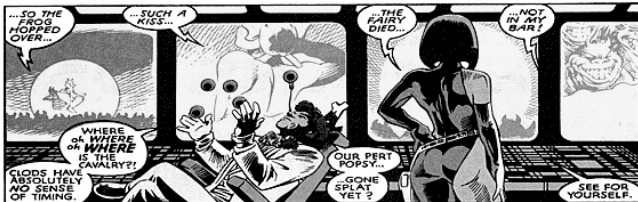
NIGEL?

RUPERT??

NEW FRIENDS
NULL STATE
NOWHERE!

GONE--
AWAY FAR!
LOST!!

OH GOSH
OH GOLLY
OH WOW!







"HE'S TOO USED TO WORKING SOLO, TOO CONFIDENT OF HIS STRENGTH AND INVULNERABILITY THAT KIND OF ARROGANCE IS DANGEROUS."





A DISTRACTION AS MOMENTARY...



THAT CRY--

--IT'S MY BABY BROTHER--

--SCOTT AND MADELYNE'S SON--

--NATHAN NEEDS ME--

--HE'S CALLING FOR MY HELP!--

*X-FACTOR #35.
X-MEN #241.--T.K.

...AS IT PROVES MOMENTOUS.



THE OTHER TRANSITIONS WERE INSTANTANEOUS.

BECAUSE--FOR ALL THEIR POWER AND TRAINING--HER TEAMMATES ARE STILL ESSENTIALLY HUMAN.

RACHEL IS PHOENIX--



--IN FACT AS SWIFT AS NAME--

--THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.



Oopsie.
SLIGHT MIS-CALCULATION THERE, ARCADE.

NOTHIN' THAT CAN'T BE HANDLED.

DON'T FRET, MISS LOCKE. RED'LL GET HER IN THE END, JUST LIKE THE REST-- YOU'LL SEE.

GAME'S NO FUN IF IT'S A SURE THING.

UNEXPECTED ADDS SOME SPICE--GREATER THE DANGER, MORE INTENSE THE THRILL, SWEETER THE VICTORY.



MORE GALLING THE DEFEAT.

...SO THE RABBIT SAID TO THE PRIVATE EYE...

YOU UNDERESTIMATED MS. ROSS AS WELL.

SHE'S VERY GOOD.

SO WHADDYA WANT--

--I SHOULD MAYBE BOOK HER ON THE SHANDLING SHOW? CARSON?? PEREGRINE'S PERCH???

THE SHADOWBRAT'S STILL ONNA LOOSE.

MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL, SCAR-- FOR HER-- AN' THE REDHEAD, TOO!



"NO NEED TO SEARCH FOR PHOENIX, ARCADE."

"NOR, IT SEEMS..."

"...ANY NEED TO BE CONCERNED..."

"...ABOUT HER LOYALTIES."

EITHER HER MIND SWITCHED WITH THE ROBOT'S--AND WAS DESTROYED ALONG WITH ITS BODY--

--OR SHE'S ASSUMED ITS PERSONA.

EITHER WAY, YOU WIN.

UNLESS, OF COURSE, SHE'S FAKING.

SOON SEE.

RIGHT NOW, THOUGH...

PAST TIME WE MOVED OUR BANKER BABE...

...ON TO THE MAIN EVENT!

HAPPY LANDINGS, TOOTS-- IN MURDERWORLD!

ENJOY IT-- WHILE YOU LAST!

IT'S STARTIME, TRUE BELIEVERS--

--AN' DON'T THINK FOR AN INSTANT, MISS SHADOWKITTYCAT...

THAT I'VE FORGOTTEN YOU!

To ea!

NOSIREEBUBALOO...

--BEFORE I'M THROUGH...

...I'LL HAVE YOU, MISSY...

...AN' YOUR LITTLE DRAGON, TOO!

ORR WHY, THEIR 'EADS!

NEXT: SEND IN THE
SHADOWKITTYCATS

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BULLPEN MINI

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

Boy, the best way to keep a fantastic secret

ITEM: It isn't every day one of our Marvel super heroes gets a plug from the Chief Executive of the United States—that's right, *President Ronald Reagan*—but that's just what happened last May 3 on Baltimore's 11 o'clock news on WMAR's Channel 2 Newscene! When asked whether he reads his horoscope in the daily newspaper, Mr. Reagan replied, "Every morning I start the day the first thing I read in the paper are the comics. I'm just dying right now to see how Spider-Man is going to get out from under that great big heavy wrestler." We trust the President did find out how our wondrous web-slinger escaped that particular dilemma in our popular daily *Spider-Man* strip (still written by The Man himself, *Stan Lee*). What we want to know is how the President managed to escape answering the newsman's question about astrology! (Maybe the Chief dazzled him with web-fluid!)

ITEM: Last month we told you about the Assistant Editors Workshop at the summer comics convention in Baltimore. A session on "How to get your attention-getter sponsored by Marvel" was unleashed upon an unsuspecting audience in Atlanta to San Diego this session. The session was entitled "The Marvel Madness" and was moderated by who attended thought they were going to have a session, but instead, they had a session on their batty Bullpenners' antics and kooky kapers, revealing that the Bullpens are not only a major force but a major force in the comics industry. Picture, if you will, the Bullpens: *Mackie, Bobbie Chase,*

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BULLETINS

is to tell everyone. Then nobody believes it!

—Ben, SOLARMAN #1

you how we've taken our
o on the road to various
as. This time we're going
another convention atten-
Marvel's wacky staffers.
inspecting fandom from
ason was a little program
ien Strike Back!" Those
were in for a standard Q
they got to see some of
mpromising outrageous
inforcing Marvel's rep as
also a major farce in the
you will, editors Howard
and Terry Kavanagh

demonstrating their juggling prowess! Picture a Pitt-
Juice Chug-Off between X-MEN writer *Chris
Claremont* and Exec Editor *Mark Gruenwald* (Chris
won—he mutated the most!). Picture Editor in
Chief *Tom DeFalco* on his hands and knees as the
foundation of a human pyramid. (All right—so it
wasn't "Stan Lee at Carnegie Hall"! What is?)

ITEM: On Thursday, July 14th, the magnificent
Marvel Bullpeners played the second of three
softball games against the diabolical DC Bullets.
Although we maintained a steady lead throughout
the game, DC dazzled us with some dynamic ball
playing in the final inning to pull ahead and win the
game at 8-7. Their victory ties the series at one
apiece and the rubber match is scheduled for
September 8 in Central Park. We'll let you know how
it went (if they don't beat us to it—ulp!).

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